Kashmir Yatra



Magnificent Sri Sri Gaur Radha Krishna Temple - ISKCON Udhampur, Kashmir

The picturesque state of Jammu and Kashmir is in the northern most part of India. By the mercy of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and the Vaishnavas, there are four centers in Kashmir: ISKCON Udhampur, which is the biggest center, ISKCON Jammu, ISKCON Srinagar and ISKCON Katra.

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ISKCON Srinagar temple is in the heart of city of Srinagar in the area called Habba Kadal.

ISKCON Jammu is the second biggest temple in Kashmir. Regular Krishna consciousness preaching programs and Lord Jagannatha Rathayatra are conducted in Jammu and various places in Kashmir. Regular Book Distribution program is carried out at various places in J&K mainly at Jammu Railway Station, Srinagar, Kheer Bhawani, Sudh Mahadev and other places. Many officials from Air force station and Army Northern Command Head Quarter (which is based in Udhampur) visit temples regularly and also participate in various temple activities. Free medical camps in which free medicines are distributed after medical checkup are also conducted in very remote areas. These camps are conducted by devotee doctors dressed up in traditional Vaishnava dress. Free Prasadam (sanctified food) is distributed to everyone visiting the camp under the banner of Hare Krishna Food for Life Trust. ISKCON Katra Temple is on the foothills of famous shrine of Vaishno Devi.

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Temples in Kashmir:

1. *ISKCON Udhampur*
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1. ISKCON Udhampur

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The history of this temple goes long before when His Holiness left his home. His parents wanted him to do his sadhana while staying in Udhampur only. In year 1987 when he was president of ISKCON Chandigarh and area in-charge for other northern parts of India; during his traveling in Jammu region he got news about his father's health who was admitted to a hospital in Jammu. He made a visit there in hospital. His father requested His Holiness to stay in Udhampur during his last days. His holiness replied "No" because he

had accepted renounce order of life. But he reminded them that if they allow His Holiness to make a temple in Udhampur; he can start preaching from there and sometimes he can be in Udhampur. His father agreed for this.

His Holiness in year 1987 started preaching in Udhampur region along with two of his disciples. He has inaugurated the morning sankirtan (Prabhat Pheri) in Udhampur. Daily around large number of people used to accompany His Holiness for this sankirtan party. His Holiness emphasized that it as the actual movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. People used to appreciate it very much. He also started taking daily congregation programs twice or thrice in houses of Udhampur. On February 21 1987 he laid the foundation stone for small temple on land gifted by his father. A small temple was constructed with time. In the year 1998 foundation stone was laid for main temple which was completed in year 2005.



Magnificent ISKCON Udhampur Temple



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His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada - Leading way Back to Godhead

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Srila Prabhupada International Gurukul (SPIG), Udhampur



Young students practicing Krishna Consciousness & academics at Srila Prabhupada International Gurukul, Udhampur



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Gopal Krishna Goshala at ISKCON Udhampur

Lord Krishna’s beloved cows at Gopal Krishna Goshala at ISKCON Udhampur

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Transcendental paintings around the temple hall - Srila Vyasadeva narrating Bhagavad katha (Srimad-Bhagavatam) & Ganesa transcribing it.



Transcendental paintings - Sri Pancha-Tattva

Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu surrounded (from left to right) by His avatara (Sri Advaita Acarya), His expansion (Lord Nityananda), His manifest internal energy (Sri Gadadhara Pandita) and His perfect devotee (Sri Srivasa Pandita)



Transcendental paintings - Sad-bhuja

Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu is non-different from Lord Krishna & Lord Ramacandra



Transcendental paintings - Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu during Rathayatra at Jagannatha Puri



Transcendental paintings - Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu in the forest of Jharkhand



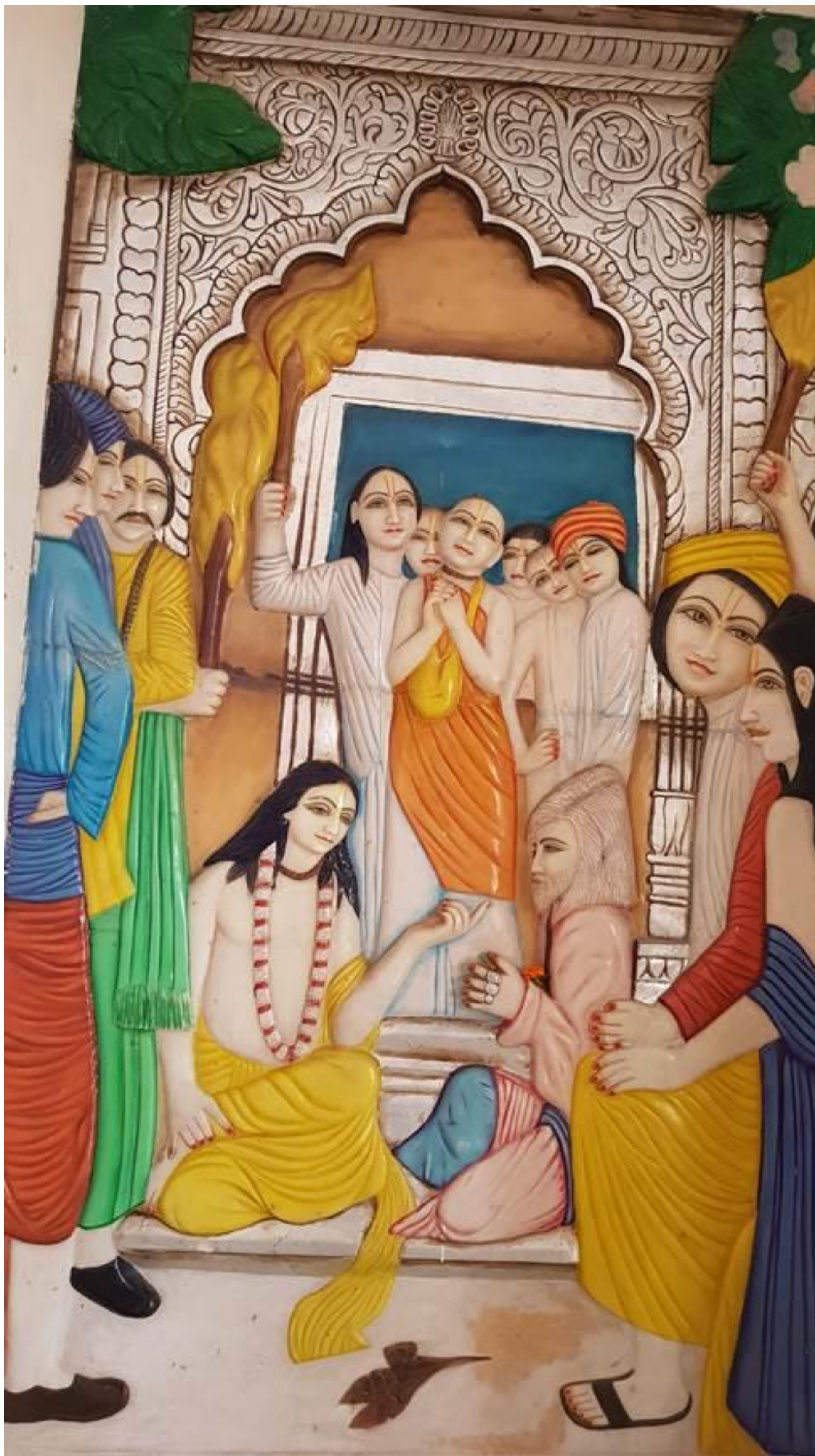
Transcendental paintings - Jagai-Madhai pastime



Transcendental paintings

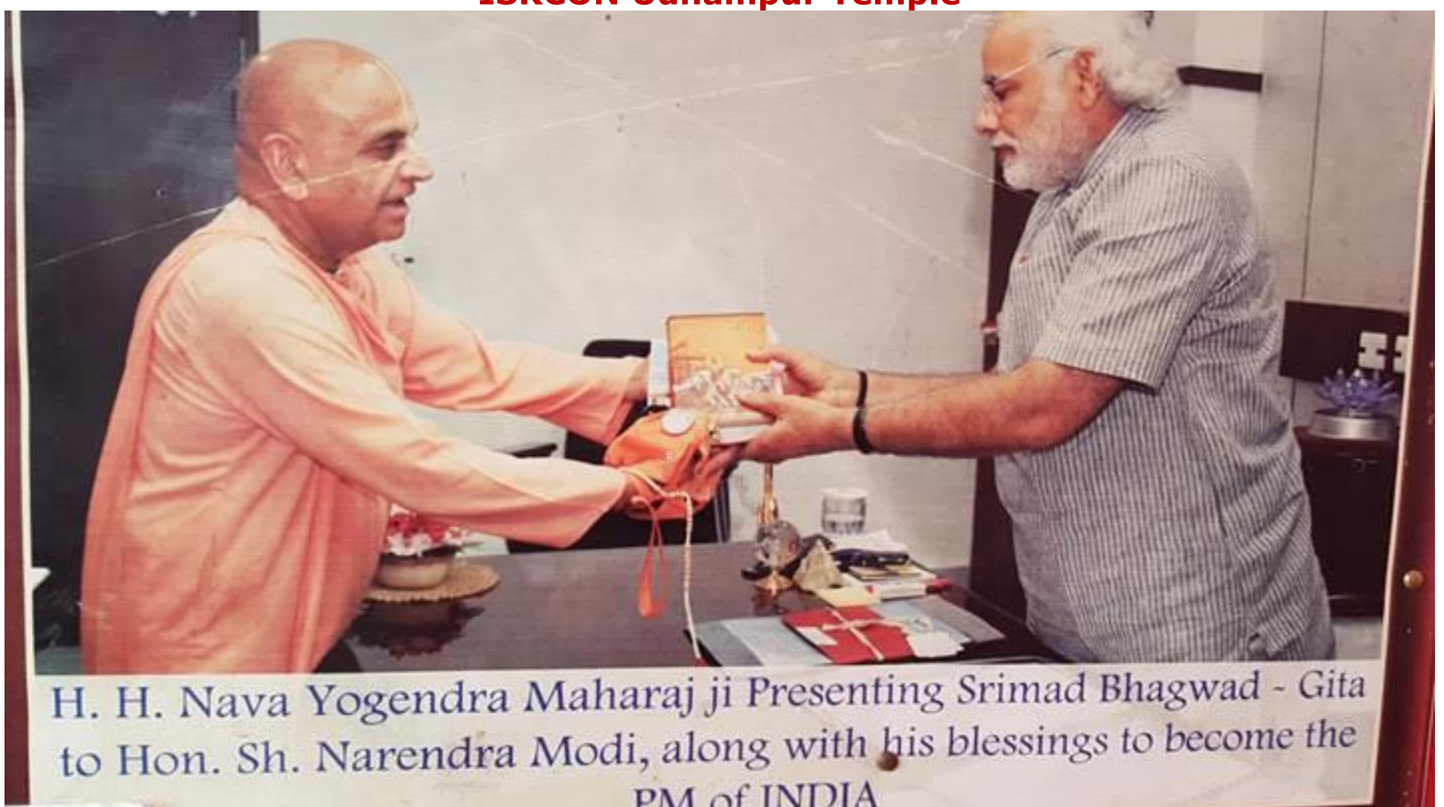


Transcendental paintings - Lord Caitanya carrying the transcendental body of His eternal associate Srila Haridasa Thakura



Transcendental paintings - Lord Caitanya chastising Muslim tyrant Chand Kazi

ISKCON Udhampur Temple



HH Nava Yogendra Swami Maharaj presenting Bhagavad-Gita to Prime Minister of India

2. ISKCON Jammu

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Sri Sri Jagannatha Baladeva Subhadra

Sri Sri Radha Krishna

Sri Sri Sita Ram Laxmana

Agastya Muni and A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada



ISKCON Jammu Temple

Annual Lord Jagannatha Rathayatra



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3. ISKCON Srinagar

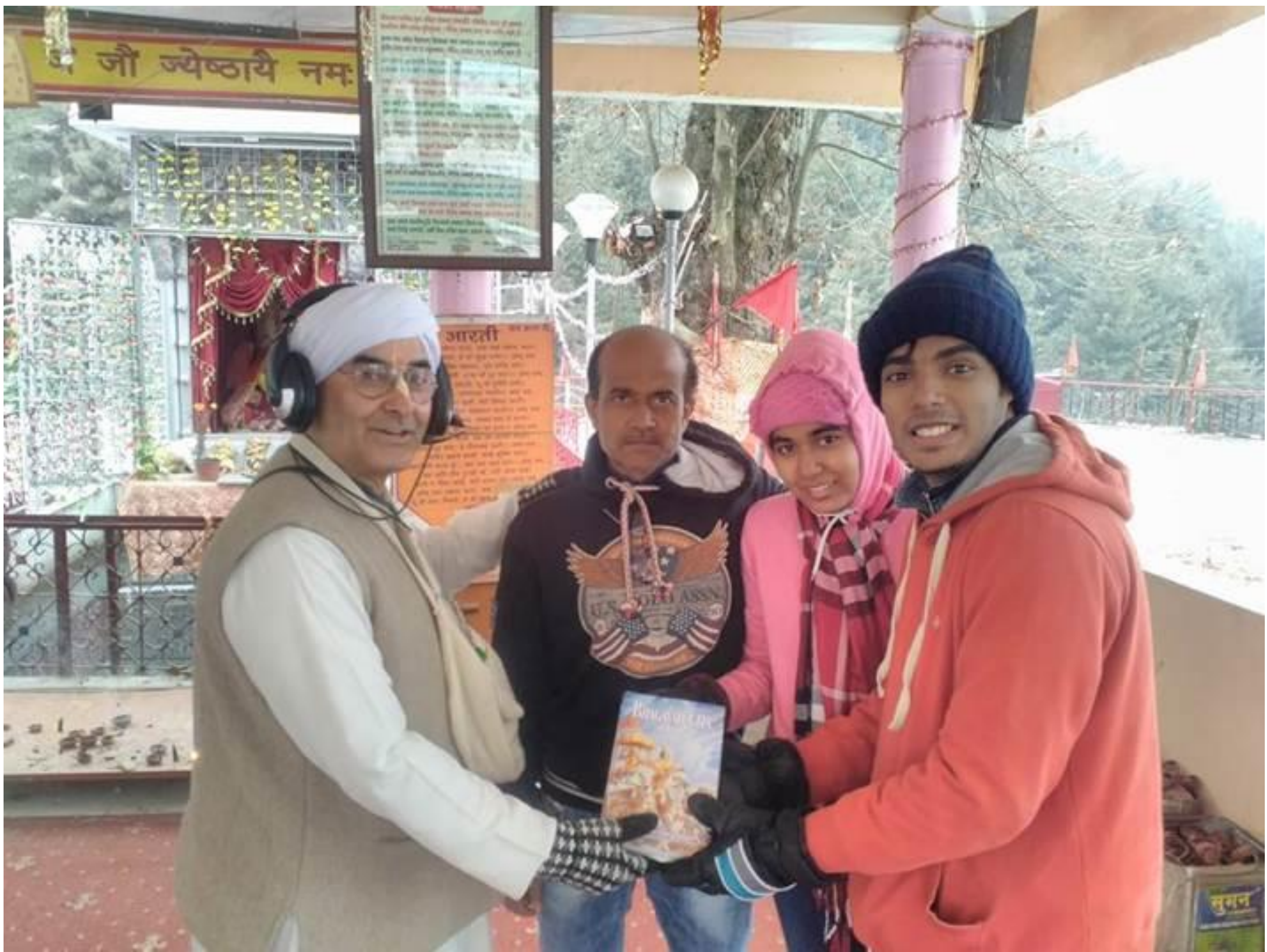
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Address: Srila Prabhupada Ashram, Sri Kathleshwar Mandir, Zandar Moholla, Habba Kadal, Srinagar (Kashmir), Jammu and Kashmir, India - 190001.



Srinagar

ISKCON Srinagar Temple



Srila Prabhupada’s transcendental Book Distribution in Kashmir



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ISKCON Srinagar



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Devotees performing Harinam Sankirtana in Kashmir



ISKCON Srinagar



Srinagar

4. ISKCON Katra

ISKCON Katra Temple is on the foothills of famous shrine of Vaishno Devi.
Address: Kalka Mata Mandir Katra Vaishno Devi, J&K - 182301.
Please note: ISKCON Temple is in the basement of the main Kalka Mata Mandir.

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Lord Nrsimhadeva at ISKCON Katra Temple

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Jammu

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Holy Pilgrimages: www.Holy-Pilgrimages.com / **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/HolyPilgrimages
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